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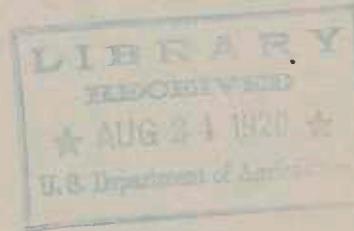
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Remarkable Achievement of A. P. Wright in the Short Period of Six Years

Last Monday afternoon the editors of The Times visited the Mission Nurseries, presided over by A. P. Wright, the veteran nurseryman of this section, and were shown over the entire place by the genial proprietor. In making the rounds of the place we were permitted to sample many varieties of fruits, chief of which were seedless grape fruit and oranges of surpassing sweetness. And when we took our departure Mr. Wright loaded us down with several varieties of citrus fruits and a huge bunch of beautiful and fragrant roses, the latter of which served to lend an air of cheerfulness to the Times office for several days.

The success which has crowned the labors of Mr. Wright here is but an-

Augustus P. Wright is a native of the Lone Star State. He was born in Montgomery county in 1848. He married early in life and is the father of seven children, five boys and two girls, all grown and all living in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, except his oldest daughter, who resides in California. He came to the Valley nine years ago, living two years at Santa Maria, where the first pumping plant on the river outside of Brownsville was located, and one year at Mercedes, before coming to Mission. Previous to that he had been in the Coast country since 1889 and has been more or less actively engaged in horticulture all his life, having first engaged in that business with his father in the early 70's.

Mr. Wright loves his work. He has kept in close touch with the rapid strides in horticulture and is an authority on the varieties best adapted to this section.

He could hardly be induced to leave the Valley, and is very optimistic of its future. He expects in the near future to be compelled to give up his beautiful palm avenue to the handsome residences of a "Greater Mission."

F. C. Bader, of Osborne, Kansas, is in Mission this week looking over the



A. P. WRIGHT

Standing before 4-year-old Grapefruit tree in his orchard, which bore nearly 400 fruit this year.

other instance of what can be accomplished in this end of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Six years ago last October Mr. Wright came to Mission, and he borrowed the money for his railroad fare. Previous to that time he had bought a piece of land on the river (on credit and without seeing it) and this he sold for enough to pay off his indebtedness for that tract and make a start where he is now located. He purchased his present farm two years before he came here and the water did not reach his place until a year after his arrival. During his first year, therefore, he could do little but build his house and clear the land. In the following year, however, he laid the foundation for the beautiful tropical groves which now surround his place.

There are in the Mission Nurseries perhaps every variety of citrus and other fruit trees which do well in this section, besides many varieties of grapes and berries, as well as the ornamental and date palms, flowering shrubs and blossoming plants in great profusion.

His place comprises thirty acres and while he is in the nursery business and has stock for sale he has at all times kept a watchful eye on the home beautiful and has expended much time and money in beautifying the place. Some of the most stately palms in the Valley are to be found there, and a magnificent "palm avenue" traverses the place from east to west. It seems impossible that a tangle of mesquite and chaparral could be so transformed in the space of six years, but there it is, and "he who wills may come" and see for himself.

Mr. Wright has turned down many times offers of \$500 per acre for his place and says if he should sell at his price—\$1,000 per acre—he would just start another. His nurseries and orchards now cover something over six acres and six acres more are being set out this winter.

Valley and it is not necessary to add he was greatly pleased with conditions, the climate etc. He is so favorably impressed with the Magic Valley that he will bring his wife here and together they will select a farm.

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